

Report to/Rapport au :

**Planning Committee
Comité de l'urbanisme**

and Council / et au Conseil

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CITY WIDE / À L'ÉCHELLE DE LA VILLE

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SUBJECT: REPORTING – CASH-IN-LIEU OF PARKLAND FUNDS

OBJET: PRÉSENTATION DE RAPPORTS – FONDS ISSUS DES RÈGLEMENTS FINANCIERS DES FRAIS RELATIFS AUX TERRAINS À VOCATION DE PARC

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That Planning Committee recommend that Council approve quarterly reporting to Members of Council on City-wide and Ward Cash-in-lieu of Parkland funds.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité de l'urbanisme recommande au Conseil d'approuver la présentation trimestrielle aux membres du Conseil de rapports sur les fonds issus des règlements financiers des frais relatifs aux terrains à vocation de parc à l'échelle de la ville et par quartier.

BACKGROUND

A revised Cash-in-lieu of Parkland Policy was approved by City Council on February 9, 2011. The report detailed what Cash-in-lieu of Parkland funds can and cannot be used for, established the delegation to Councillors and senior staff for Ward specific matters, including the use of Cash-in-lieu of Parkland funds that are directed for use in

Councillors' Wards, and indicated that detailed monthly reports would be provided to Ward Councilors on the status of City-wide and Ward Cash-in-lieu accounts.

DISCUSSION

Monthly reports on Ward Cash-in-lieu of Parkland funds were provided to Ward Councillors throughout 2011. Staff has also responded to requests between reporting cycles to provide an updated status of Ward funds. Operationally, the preparation of monthly reports on cash-in-lieu of parkland takes a considerable amount of time with often little new information presented due to the relatively low volume of transactions in some wards. It has been suggested by one Member of Council that reporting be shifted to a quarterly basis, which the Department supports.

The change to quarterly reporting would ensure that Ward Councillors have the information necessary to make recommendations regarding the use of funds for projects within their wards, but would require less staff time. Interim updates would continue to be provided upon request.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no rural implications associated with this report.

CONSULTATION

As this is an internal process issue, no public consultation was undertaken.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risks associated with the report recommendations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no accessibility impacts associated with this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct technical implications associated with this report.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

N/A

DISPOSITION

Planning and Growth Management Department to implement quarterly reporting of cash-in-lieu of parkland funds.